

First, pursuant to Section 8002 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Committee designated the following members to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation for the 107th Congress: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Crane, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Rangel and Mr. Stark.

Second, pursuant to Section 161 of the Trade Act of 1974, the Committee recommended the following members to serve as official advisors for international conference meetings and negotiating sessions on trade agreements: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Crane, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Rangel and Mr. Levin.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. THOMAS,  
*Chairman.*

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AS OFFICIAL ADVISERS TO UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, AND NEGOTIATION SESSIONS RELATING TO TRADE AGREEMENTS DURING FIRST SESSION OF 107TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 161(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2211), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to be accredited by the President as official advisors to the United States delegations to international conferences, meetings, and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements during the first session of the 107th Congress:

Mr. THOMAS of California,  
Mr. CRANE of Illinois,  
Mr. SHAW of Florida,  
Mr. RANGEL of New York, and  
Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.  
There was no objection.

#### DESERT STORM CEASE FIRE

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, 10 years ago today 600,000 American servicemen and women fought to preserve the tenets of democracy and freedom in the Middle East.

Tomorrow marks the 10th anniversary of the cease fire ending Desert Storm, a military campaign that showed America's continued commitment against totalitarian aggression.

As an Air Force pilot during Desert Storm, I proudly served under the leadership of President George Bush, General Colin Powell and General Norman Schwarzkopf.

Their vision created a new model of global power that has sent our potential adversaries scrambling for alternative solutions rather than military aggression.

Yet the true heroes of Desert Storm were the men and women who fought with great courage and honor. 10 years ago, the strength of our Nation and Armed Forces successfully liberated Kuwait from Saddam Hussein's rule of terror. Today, let us remember the commitment and ideals that led our Nation to victory.

#### PASS H.R. 305, LEGISLATION CREATING AN AGENCY TO MONITOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, for 16 years FBI agent Robert Hanssen allegedly stole 6,000 top secret documents and sold them to Russia. Now if that is not enough to rape the Statue of Liberty, the FBI said Hanssen did that all by himself. Unbelievable. I say if Hanssen did that all by himself, I am a fashion leader.

Hey, enough is enough. It is getting so bad, China is buying elections. Laptops with top secrets are disappearing into thin air. Now FBI agents are selling our secrets. Beam me up.

Even a seeing eye dog can smell the fact that we need to pass H.R. 305 and create an agency to monitor the Department of Justice who investigates themselves and never finds any wrongdoing. My God, this is out of hand.

I yield back the fact that the FBI should be looking into FBI agent James Maddak, Sacramento, California, and his activities and urge an investigation.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 5 p.m. today.

#### RECOGNIZING AND HONORING DALE EARNHARDT

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 57) recognizing and honoring Dale Earnhardt and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 57

Whereas Ralph Dale Earnhardt was born in Kannapolis, North Carolina, on April 29, 1951; Whereas Dale Earnhardt was the son of Martha and the late Ralph Earnhardt and brother of Danny Earnhardt, Randy Earnhardt, Kaye Snipes, and Cathy Watkins;

Whereas his father, Ralph Earnhardt, a pioneer of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), introduced Dale Earnhardt to the sport, and Dale began racing Hobby-class cars in and around Kannapolis, working full-time welding and mounting tires during the day and either racing or working on his cars at night;

Whereas, upon the death of his father in 1973, Dale Earnhardt followed in his footsteps, becoming a professional race car driver;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt made his Winston Cup debut in 1975 and was named Rookie of the Year in 1979, his first full season of racing;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt earned his first Winston Cup Championship in 1980, becoming the first driver to win Rookie of the Year honors and the Winston Cup Championship in successive years;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt had an extraordinary career as a NASCAR driver, was named Driver of the Year five times, and is tied with Richard Petty for the most Winston Cup Championships, with seven titles;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt won 76 career races, including the 1998 Daytona 500;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt lived and worked in Mooresville, North Carolina, and his racing and related businesses contributed much to the employment, business development, and prestige of Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Davidson, Iredell, Lincoln, and Rowan counties in North Carolina;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt, nicknamed the Intimidator, was a fierce competitor, an exceptional driver, and a legend in his sport;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt was always known for his kindness and friendliness to his fans and community;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt was a loving husband to his wife, Teresa, and an exemplary father to his sons, Dale Jr. and Kerry, and daughters, Kelley and Taylor;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt was a man of strong faith and had on his dashboard a citation from Proverbs 18:10, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it and is safe.";

Whereas Dale Earnhardt was one of the most respected drivers for his achievements on and off the track and in the words of his son, Dale Jr., "stands as an example of what hard work and dedication will achieve. He praises God, loves his family, enjoys his friends."; and

Whereas Dale Earnhardt died in a crash during the final lap of the Daytona 500 on February 18, 2001, prompting Bill France, Jr., Chairman of NASCAR's board of directors to declare, "NASCAR has lost its greatest driver in the history of the sport." : Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes Dale Earnhardt as one of the greatest race car drivers ever to participate in the sport of racing and for his many contributions to the Nation throughout his lifetime, and honors him for transcending the sport of racing to become a role model as both a talented competitor and as a loving husband and father; and

(2) extends its deepest condolences to the family of Dale Earnhardt.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 57.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.